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Wang et al.

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Hedgehog-like Polypeptides, and
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Thereto.

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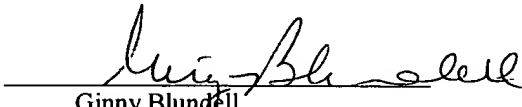
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Sir:

This amendment is being filed in reply to the outstanding Office Action, mailed March 6, 2003, in connection with the above application. Please enter the following amendments:

In the claims:

For the convenience of the Examiner, all claims being examined, whether or not amended, are presented below.

Please cancel, without prejudice, claim 64.

63. (Amended) A preparation of a polypeptide comprising a hedgehog polypeptide sequence including at least 50 amino acid residues of an N-terminal half of a *hedgehog* protein, which polypeptide is formulated for topical application to skin.